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(*b*) whether provision is being made in the next budget for the said work ?

A.—(*a*) The question has not yet been finally disposed of.

(*b*) No provision has been made in the Civil Budget Estimates for 1928–29 for the work.

Investigation of a dam of the water-supply project for Mangalore.

*1549 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to my question 660 answered on 19th October 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether and what further investigation has been found necessary as to the new bed-rock foundation required for the dam or embankment of the water-supply project for Mangalore and at what further cost and with what delay, on account of the changed bed-rock foundation ?

A.—No investigation regarding a dam in the Hassamar valley has been found necessary in connexion with the scheme since 19th October 1927, and it is probable that no further investigation will be needed. The report of the Deputy Sanitary Engineer on the results of the investigation carried out up to date has been examined by the Sanitary Engineer and submitted to the Government through the Chief Engineer. The Government await the receipt of the report with the remarks of the Chief Engineer thereon.

Admission and dismissal of lepers in Tirumani Leper Settlement.

*1550 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of lepers that were admitted into, were refused admission into, left voluntarily and were discharged from, the Tirumani Leper Asylum in the year 1927 ;

(*b*) the average period the lepers that have left the asylum in the years 1925—27 stayed in the asylum ; and

(*c*) whether Government have under consideration a more economical and efficient scheme for the benefit of lepers ?

A.—(*a*) The following statement gives the answer :—

Admissions	676	during 1927.
Admissions refused	No record	
Left voluntarily	576	
Discharged cured	7	
Dismissed for misconduct ...	9	

When the lepers apply for admission they are admitted if there is accommodation for them.

(*b*) The average period during which lepers who left the asylum during 1925–27 stayed in the settlement was approximately five months and four days.

(*c*) No. The present scheme is both economical and efficient.